



Jared E. Oakes

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Overview

“[Jared] is a fantastic real estate practitioner, who has particular skill in handling complex development and sophisticated financing work, including distressed debt.” - Benesch client, Chambers USA

Jared represents Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), institutional investors, lenders, private equity funds, family offices and other public and private investors, developers and owners of commercial real estate, with a particular focus on large scale development projects and corporate real estate.

This work includes counseling clients in the acquisition and sale of commercial properties, entity planning (including formation and structuring with respect to joint ventures, limited partnerships, limited liability companies and corporations), leasing, development, corporate facilities management, asset management, commercial lending and debt restructuring.

Representative Matters

- Represented a privately owned REIT in the disposition of a 1.1 million-square-foot mall for \$57.5 million.
- Represented a major West Coast REIT in acquiring two California multifamily properties for \$240.5M, involving extensive environmental review and analysis.
- Represented a real estate investment trust that specializes in shopping centers in the disposition of Henderson Square Mall in Pennsylvania for more than \$34 million.
- Represented a large West Coast REIT in the \$240.5 million acquisition of two multi-family properties in California.

- Represented a large West Coast REIT in the disposition of a large multi-family property in Los Angeles, California for a purchase price of approximately \$240 million.
- Represented a publicly traded real estate investment trust specializing in grocery anchored shopping centers in its nearly \$37 million acquisition of the Westgate North Shopping Center in Washington.
- Represented a publicly traded real estate investment trust specializing in multifamily in the sale of apartments in California for more than \$125 million.
- Represented one of the largest multifamily owners in the country in its disposition of an apartment complex in San Mateo, California for over \$250 million.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2005, J.D.
- Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management, 2005, MBA
- Mercyhurst University, 2000, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Urban Land Institute (ULI)
 - Past-Chairman, Cleveland District Council
 - Advisory Board Member, ULI Building Healthy Places Initiative
- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)
- Fellow, American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL)

Awards & recognition

- Listed, Lawdragon 500 Leading Real Estate Lawyers, 2025
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Real Estate, 2010-2026
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America®*, Real Estate Law, 2017-2021, 2023-2026
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers, Real Estate, 2014-2021, 2024-2026

- Listed, *Crain's Cleveland* Notables in Law, 2022
- Listed, Ohio Super Lawyers, Rising Star, Real Estate, 2012-2013
- Listed, Legal 500, Real Estate, 2011, 2014

News & Insights

- [Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings](#)
June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Ep. 2: The Whole Truth About Workplace Culture](#)
May 13, 2026 | Podcast
- [Ep. 1: How Culture Heats Up](#)
April 15, 2026 | Podcast
- [48 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- [Jared Oakes Guest Stars on Corner Office Podcast | "Bridging Business & Law: Conversation with Benesch Partner Who Has JD/MBA"](#)
October 2, 2025 | Media Mentions
- [Benesch Partner Jared Oakes Named to 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Real Estate Lawyers](#)
August 26, 2025 | Press Releases
- [129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings](#)
August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings](#)
June 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- [49 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2025 Ohio Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
December 17, 2024 | Press Releases
- [132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings](#)
August 14, 2024 | Press Releases